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# H. R. 4305

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2015

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Ukrainian Warfighter  
5 Assistance Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2       Congress makes the following findings:

3           (1) Ukraine's border is 6,995 kilometers long,  
4       including 1,974 kilometers of controlled border with  
5       Russia, 195 kilometers of an administrative line with  
6       Crimea, and 409 kilometers of border in the east  
7       that is currently uncontrolled.

8           (2) Since the beginning of the Russian-Ukrainian  
9       conflict in 2014, 64 Ukrainian border guards  
10      have been killed and another 391 have been wounded.

12          (3) Implementation of the Minsk Agreement  
13      will require the State Border Guard Service of  
14      Ukraine to reestablish border checkpoints in currently  
15      uncontrolled territory and to monitor the border to verify full implementation of the Agreement.

17          (4) Ukraine has already ordered the development of engineering and technical systems to strengthen the controlled border between Ukraine and Russia, Ukrainian maritime borders, and areas adjacent to the uncontrolled territory and occupied Crimea.

23          (5) Russian unmanned aerial vehicles are being used for correction of Russian-backed separatist artillery fire, and Russian-backed separatists continue

1 to compromise Ukrainian tactical communication  
2 networks.

3 (6) A Ukrainian early warning network is need-  
4 ed to warn of any new aggression on the border.

5 (7) Ukrainian anti-tank guided missiles require  
6 modernization to increase soldier survivability.

7 (8) Because future military operations in east-  
8 ern Ukraine will rely heavily on special operations  
9 forces, special operations training is a high priority  
10 for the armed forces of Ukraine.

11 (9) Section 1250 of the National Defense Au-  
12 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law  
13 114–92) rightfully called for the United States to  
14 provide to Ukraine critical training and equipment  
15 to enhance the capabilities of the military and other  
16 security forces of Ukraine to defend against further  
17 aggression from Russia and Russian-backed separat-  
18 ists.

19 (10) The assistance provided to Ukraine under  
20 such section must be enhanced even further to adapt  
21 to the current threats facing Ukraine.

1   **SEC. 3. ENHANCEMENT OF UKRAINE SECURITY ASSIST-**

2                 **ANCE INITIATIVE.**

3             Section 1250(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-  
4         tion Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92) is  
5         amended—

6                 (1) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and jam-  
7         ming counter-measures against such systems” after  
8         “surveillance systems”;

9                 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (7), (8), and  
10         (9) as paragraphs (8), (9), and (10), respectively;

11                 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
12         lowing new paragraph:

13                 “(7) Electro-optical/infrared sensor and multi-  
14         mode radar equipped early warning systems.”;

15                 (4) in paragraph (9), as so redesignated, by  
16         striking “(7)” and inserting “(8)”;

17                 (5) by adding at the end the following new  
18         paragraphs:

19                 “(11) Training for the staff officers and leader-  
20         ship of the military and other security forces of the  
21         Government of Ukraine.

22                 “(12) Assistance to Ukraine to develop the abil-  
23         ity to domestically produce anti-armor weapon sys-  
24         tems.

25                 “(13) Equipment and technical assistance pro-  
26         vided directly to the State Border Guard Service of

1 Ukraine for the purpose of developing a comprehensive  
2 and routine surveillance network.

3 “(14) Construction of a special forces training  
4 center and assistance in developing a special forces  
5 training program.”.

6 **SEC. 4. BORDER GUARD PRIORITIZATION.**

7 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
8 United States that the Secretary of Defense, in cooperation  
9 with the Secretary of State, when providing equipment and technical assistance to the Government of  
10 Ukraine, shall give priority to assistance for purposes of  
11 protecting and monitoring the borders of Ukraine.

13 (b) MODIFICATION OF REPORT ON MILITARY ASSIST-  
14 ANCE TO UKRAINE.—Section 1275(c) of the Carl Levin  
15 and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Au-  
16 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–  
17 291; 128 Stat. 3591) is amended by adding at the end  
18 the following new paragraph:

19 “(8) An assessment of the extent to which the  
20 Secretary of Defense has prioritized, or is  
21 prioritizing, the security assistance provided, or to  
22 be provided, to the Government of Ukraine for the  
23 purposes of protecting and monitoring the borders of  
24 Ukraine.”.

